Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: The question has not arisen yet. When it is brought before the Government it will be considered.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: Now that I have raised it will the Government be pleased to consider it?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: But the reference should come from the Heads of Departments if they want such posts.

SPECIAL FINANCE COMMITTEE—RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING SALARIES OF MAGISTRATES

107. Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) what the recommendations of the Special Finance Committee were regarding the salaries of the District Magistrate and Magistrates;

(*b*) whether they will be pleased to state reasons if any for not giving effect to these recommendations as yet;

(*c*) whether they will be pleased to state reasons if any for not raising the salary of the District Magistrate when they were pleased to revise the salaries of Magistrates?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government)*:

(*a*) The Special Finance Committee recommended a salary of Rs. 400-600 to the District Magistrate and Rs. 150-200 to the Magistrates.

(*b*) and (*c*) The pay of the Sub-Magistrates has already been raised and fixed at Rs. 150-200. Consistent with the pay of the other posts to which the District Magistrate can ordinarily aspire for promotion, Government have not considered it necessary to raise the grade of pay of the District Magistrate.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukau)*: May I know, Sir, whether it is the view of the Government that the Special Finance Committee had not the idea that the District Magistrate had chances of promotion as stated in answer to (b) and (c)?

Mr. B. V.K.Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: The reasoning of the Special Finance Committee was not accepted

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu)*: Am I to take it that the recommendations of the Special Finance Committee had not been accepted by the Government?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: The Special Finance Committee's recommendation was not accepted by the Government.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur)*: What exactly was the grade of the District Magistrate?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: Rs. 300 to 400.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: May I know the basis of the recommendation of the Special Finance Committee fixing the pay of the District Magistrate at Rs. 400—600.

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: It is mentioned in the Committee's report which has been published.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthasan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Have they not given reasons why the District Magistrate should be given Rs. 400—600?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: Yes.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: What are these reasons, please?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: It is in the report which has been published.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Can it be disclosed on the floor of this House, Sir?

Mr. President. The proceedings of the Special Finance Committee are laid on the table of the House and they are open to every hon'ble member.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: What exactly, Sir, is the relative position of the District Magistrate and the Commissioner of Police as far as their status and their functions are concerned.

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Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: The Commissioner of Police draws a higher salary. The District Magistrate is mainly a judicial officer and the Commissioner of Police is an executive officer in charge of the Police Department.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Is not the District Magistrate also an Executive Officer, Sir?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: Yes. Partly.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Has not the Commissioner of Police to take orders from the District Magistrate?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: Yes. In certain cases, he has to.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur)*: Was the pay of the District Magistrate Rs. 400 at any period of time without any grade?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: Yes.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur)*: When exactly was that graded down. We have heard of grading up but here it is a grading down.

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: It was in Government Proceedings dated 20th March 1939.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: May I know whether it is the opinion of the Government that the District Magistrate's pay should be something lower than that of the Commissioner of Police?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: From the very beginning it has been like that.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur)*: What exactly are the reasons to grade down the pay of the District Magistrate from Rs. 400 to Rs. 300—400?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: Except in the case of the Diwan and the Judges of the High Court all Officers draw a graded salary and it was thought by the Government that a graded pay is always better.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur)*: May I know whether the District Magistrate is not regarded as a First Class Officer for all purposes of T.A. and daily allowance.

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: Yes.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: May I know, Sir, whether a recommendation has not been made and passed in this House to raise the pay of the District Magistrate to Rs. 600?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: Yes.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: May I know, Sir, whether any action has been taken upon it as yet?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: No action has been taken. The Government thought that the revision was not called for for the time being.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Was that decision of the Government published, Sir?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: No.

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Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu)*: Am I to take it, Sir, that salaries of posts as fixed by the Government are with reference to the posts themselves?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: Yes. In exceptional cases where the Government consider that a particular person should draw a higher pay it will be treated as personal pay for that particular officer.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: May I know, Sir, whether the District Magistrate is not an officer who is having jurisdiction throughout the whole State?

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Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Yes.

CIVIL SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT—INFORMATION REGARDING

108. Mr. P. P. Devassy *(Trichur-South):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) what is the total strength of the Civil Supplies Department;

(*b*) what is the total cost incurred in 1118 by way of pay and allowances of the staff of the Civil Supplies Department ?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):*

(*a*) 950.

(*b*) Rs. 1,33,701—0—0.

109. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) what is the total number of employees in the Food Department now;

(*b*) what is the monthly charge to the Government in the Food Department ?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):*

(*a*) 950.

(*b*) Rs. 34,404—0—0.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Is the figure 950 the latest figure, Sir?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* Latest. Since the statement supplied by the Finance Member there was a reduction in the Grain Purchase Staff in the end of the year. That accounts for the reduction in the number.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Is it, Sir, inclusive of certain posts the creation of which has been placed before the Standing Finance Committee that met lately and inculded in Part II of the Budget ?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* It is not included.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* There were certain proposals placed before the Standing Finance Committee in Part II of the Budget proposals. Is this figure 950 inclusive of these posts ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* These posts have not yet been sanctioned. They are only in part II of the Budget. The Budget is not passed and orders are not passed. So it does not refer to that.

110. Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) how much money the Government have spent last year in the Food Supplies Department;

(*b*) what is the net profit from that Department;

(*c*) what is the net profit from the purchase and sale of paddy alone;

(*d*) what do the Government expect by the control of straw;

(*e*) has it come to the notice of the Government that the British authorities do not allow the Cochinites or the vendors from outside Cochin to import curry stuffs to Cochin on the ground that Cochin which has forbidden the taking out more than twelve graft-mangoes does not deserve any other treatment ?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):*

(*a*) (i) Advances Rs. 2,78,51,519.

(ii) Service Head Rs. 1,67,789.

(*b*) & (*c*) It is not possible to furnish accurate information as the audit of 1118 is not over.

(*d*) To conserve the straw in the State and to make it available to the people at a reasonable price.

(*e*) No.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural):* Has the Government succeeded in their laudable object of conserving this straw in the State.

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* Yes.

Mr. P. P. Devassy *(Trichur-South):* In answer to (*b*) and (*c*) it is stated that it is not possible to furnish accurate information. Is it possible to give us some rough idea whether it is a loss or gain ?

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